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Mr. Joe Lockhart
Assistant to the President and Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Government Reform Committee Subpoenas

Dear Joe:

I was watching you on television yesterday when you told the press that the White House had received "something like 700 subpoenas" from the Government Reform Committee. Since I know you are a stickler for accuracy, I wanted to let you know that your figure was a little bit out of the ballpark.

Our records indicate that the Government Reform Committee has issued a total of 26 subpoenas to the White House and White House officials since Congressman Burton became Chairman in January 1997. In fact, according to our records, the three subpoenas issued to the White House at the beginning of September in the Waco and FALN matters were the first subpoenas issued by this Committee to the White House this year. Two of those, as you know, were met with claims of executive privilege.

Since your initial estimate was off by "something like" 674, I'm sure you'll want to correct the record.

Best Wishes,



Kevin Binger
Staff Director